

Mark Warner Discusses Jobs, Economy

By NIA BENTALL

Senator Mark Warner spoke at the University of Mary Washington for a "conversation about jobs and innovation," a subject Warner recognized as being on the forefront of many college students' minds, in Monroe Hall on April 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Warner's opening remarks centered on what he called "the good news," that the economy is showing growth and the JOBS act passed, and "the bad news," which is the \$54 trillion deficit.

The economic growth Warner cited is the drop in the unemployment rate and record levels of growth in the market.

Warner stated that he focuses on the national debt more than any other area, and it is growing by four-and-half billion dollars every day. According to Warner, if the U.S. does not address the debt, American citizens will pay it off.

Warner, pointing to the audience, added, "It would freak you out if you know how much that was for each one of you."

For 70 out of the past 75 years, the United States has run

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Mark Warner addressing students and community members. One of the topics Warner touched on was the rising federal debt.

Ad Campaign Comes to An End

By FARAH FARHAT

The University of Mary Washington is ending its advertising campaign that began in October during which it partnered with the Educational Marketing Group (EMG), and hoped to attract attention to the university.

UMW hired EMG to promote the university's name and look. The agency worked previously with other colleges, including Texas State University and Old Dominion University, and was

familiar with how to promote all schools whether big or small.

According to Anna Billingsley, associate vice president of university relations and communications, the university is an "undiscovered gem" and the point of this advertising campaign was to bring light to the campus and make it a "discovered gem."

"The greatest positive is that a buzz has been created about UMW," Billingsley said.

She described the new cam-

paign as "new and innovative and something the University would continue to do."

According to Billingsley, the experience was positive and the university received positive feedback.

"[The region] will continue to see innovative publications and advertisements emanating from UMW," said Billingsley.

According to Billingsley, the university is developing a special microsite for prospective students. The site will "provide

more information in a more stimulating way about the university than they would find by going directly to our web site," said Billingsley.

The new micro site would help interested students learn more about the university, according to Billingsley.

Jeff Branson, sophomore biology major and chemistry minor, was asked to be a part of the new ad campaign.

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Author, CEO to Deliver Commencement Speeches

By CHARLOTTE RODINA

Historian and best-selling author Neil Howe will be the speaker for the University of Mary Washington's undergraduate commencement this spring, while Shawn Boyer, founder of SnagAJob.com, will give the graduate commencement speech.

President Rick Hurley chose the speakers with the help of his cabinet and leadership council.

"I am very pleased with our two speakers for this year," Hurley stated.

The university announced the commencement speakers in a March 20 press release. Howe will give the undergraduate speech on May 11 in Ball Circle at 9 a.m.

Howe, who specializes in economics and history, has co-authored many books concerning today's generations. Along with author and historian William Strauss, Howe has co-written, "The Fourth Turning," "Generations" and others. Their books, "13th Gen" and "Millennial Generation" are still the best-selling nonfiction books about Generation X, those born between 1960 and 1980, according to the UMW press release.

Howe is also a founding partner of LifeCourse Associates, which is a publishing, speaking, and consulting company. Cur-



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Neil Howe.



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Shawn Boyer.

rently, he is public policy advisor to Blackstone Group, senior associate to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and senior advisor to the Concord Coalition.

Much of Howe's work examines rising generations and how they will shape our nation's future. Howe's articles have been featured in *The Atlantic*, *the Washington Post*, *the New York Times*, *USA Weekend*, *American Demographics*, and other publications.

Grace Rosales, senior psychology and education major, is looking forward to graduation.

"I'm excited to see what [Howe] has to say about my generation, and how it is different from our parents and grandparents," said Rosales. "I also hope to find out Howe's opinion on how technology will affect

my generation—if it will taint or enhance our next 20 years."

Boyer will speak on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the William H. Anderson Center for the graduate commencement ceremony.

Boyer is the founder and chief executive officer of SnagAJob.com, which is the nation's largest employment website for hourly workers. The site, founded in 1999, helps employees find jobs they will enjoy and it helps employers find the best workers for their jobs.

The Society for Human Resource Management and the Great Place to Work Institute named SnagAJob.com one of the 10 Best Small Companies to Work for in the U.S.

President George W. Bush awarded Boyer as the National

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President Hurley speaks with students participating in the \$2 a Day Challenge.

SGA Holds Rights Discussion

By JONATHAN POLSON

The Student Government Association (SGA) held a Learn Your Rights town hall meeting last night to explain confusion on what legal rights students have on and off campus.

Nicole Tardif, freshman SGA communications director, said the Learn Your Rights campaign stemmed from the town hall meeting the SGA held last month that opened a dialogue between University of Mary Washington students and the Fredericksburg community.

"Students have expressed an interest in learning their legal rights," she said.

"I was at the last town hall

meeting and asked about what our rights are," said junior political science major Kate Miceli.

Miceli said she attended this event due to her personal confusion about her rights. "I'm curious as to, as a 20 year old, what my rights are," she said.

Sophomore Stephanie Preston, SGA involvement and outreach coordinator helped to organize the event in response to students' concerns.

"A lot of times when students come to college they don't know what kind of rights they have," said Preston. "They are not aware of what they can and can't do."

The meeting, which lasted

about an hour, consisted of a question and answer session between students and UMW police lieutenant Michael Hall, Stacey T. Garcia and Thomas B. Dance, both attorneys at law in Fredericksburg, made up the rest of the panel.

Students at the event were able to ask questions, as well as questions sent in through Facebook.

Among the questions asked were what rights a student has if they are found in possession of alcohol underage.

The panel said the most probable outcome would be a misdemeanor charge of underage

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By ALEX VAN BEEK

March 24

The King George County Sheriff's Office charged a UMW student with a DUI on the Dahlgren campus at 7:04 p.m. The student was arrested.

March 25

Campus police reported underage consumption of alcohol and public intoxication in the Anderson Center parking lot between 3:51 a.m. and 4:29 a.m. One administrative referral was given.

March 26

The King George County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of property destruction on the Dahlgren campus at 11:59 a.m. The case was unfounded.

March 27

Campus police responded to a report of vandalism on Campus Walk near Lee Hall at 9:20 p.m. The case is pending.

Campus police responded to a report of vehicle tampering on the 1700 block of College Avenue between 8 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. The case was cleared and the victim declined prosecution.

March 28

Fredericksburg police reported a theft from a building on the 900 block of William Street between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. The case is pending.

Campus police responded to a report involving grand larceny of an iPad from the 400 block of Charles Street between 4:25 p.m. and 10 a.m. the next morning. The item was later recovered and the case is still pending.

March 30

Campus police responded to a report of indecent exposure at the Sunken Road intersection with Campus Drive at 1 p.m. The case is pending.

Campus police reported a possible larceny from the UMW construction site. The case was unfounded.

Campus police reported an incident of hazing on the Rugby Field between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The case was unfounded.

Campus police responded to a report of public urination behind Eagle Landing at 11 p.m. One administrative referral was given.

March 31

Campus police responded to a report of indecent exposure at the Sunken Road intersection with Campus Drive at 11 a.m. The case is pending.

Campus police responded to a report of vandalism on the third floor lobby of Bushnell Hall between 1:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. The case is pending.

Fredericksburg police responded to a report of vandalism to a vehicle on the 900 block of Sunken Road between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m. the next morning. The case is pending.

April 2

Campus police responded to a report of vandalism on the fourth floor of Eagle Landing between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The case was unfounded.

Campus police reported the grand larceny of a bicycle outside of Russell Hall between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The case is pending.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

Campus Briefing

Princeton Review Names Seven UMW Professors to "Best 300" List: The Princeton Review released their first ever list of the top 300 teaching faculty members from 122 public and private colleges and universities in the U.S. on April 3.

The seven UMW professors featured on the list were: Beverly Almond, adjunct professor of English, Dan Hubbard, associate professor and chair of accounting and management information systems, Miriam Liss, associate professor of psychology, Jeffrey McClurken, associate professor and chair of history, Warren Rochelle, professor of English, Gregg Stuff, professor and chair of theatre, and Steve Watkins, professor of English. According to a UMW press release, the professors' profiles in the Princeton Review prominently featured their unique teaching styles.

Melchers Home and Studio Host Open House: Gari Melchers Home and Studio will hold a spring open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. The open house is free to all who attend. Tours will be given of the Melchers museum and studio. Sightings shown on the tour will include the formal gardens as well as the woodland paths and trails.

UMW Hosts Sixth Annual Calculus Tournament: Commonwealth Governor's School from Spotsylvania County took home first place in UMW's sixth annual High School Calculus Tournament. According to a UMW press release, the competition included 38 students from seven different local high

schools.

Paul VI Catholic High School overall placed second in the tournament, and Paul VI student Chuck Conran won the top individual score.

UMW Library Obtains Antique Photograph: UMW libraries purchased a photograph from the 1920s entitled "Faculty and Students, Summer School, July 22, 1920, State Normal School." Ingrid and Michael Kelly, whose daughter and son-in-law graduated from UMW in the 1980s, purchased the picture from the Big Flea Market in Chantilly. They had the photograph featured it in the Flashback section of the Free Lance-Star, according to a UMW faculty newsletter.

The photograph is special due to its uniqueness. According to the same faculty newsletter, yearbooks usually only featured pictures of classes during the regular academic term. A photo of a summer school session is extremely rare.

Students Discuss Leadership in Washington DC: Ten UMW students traveled to Washington D.C. to learn about leadership as a part of the AT&T Student Leadership Colloquium, according to a faculty newsletter. The event, "Leaders of the Free World: Global Citizenship," gave students the chance to tour the U.S. Capitol Building and speak with Rep. Jared Polis about education and Rep. John Lewis about leading through change.

Compiled by JONATHAN POLSON

Health Magazine Gains Readers

By ALISON THOET

The number of pages read by University of Mary Washington students in Student Health 101, the online monthly health magazine for students, has increased by about 12,000 pages since the 2010-2011 school year.

According to the UMW Health Center, there has been a rise in students that look at and comment on the magazine over the past few years. Statistics show that the number of pages read in the online magazine from August 2011 to Feb. 2012 has more than doubled since the 2009-2010 school year.

Student Health 101 offers students new information on nutrition, relationships, fitness and recipes every month for free.

"It sounds like a great opportunity for students to access health information easily," said Shannon Reres, freshman art history major.

According to Kelly Flynn, graduate assistant of wellness, the magazine has been running for about three years, offering an eco-friendly and highly accessible health guide to students and their parents.

"It really encompasses the six areas of wellness," said Flynn,

which includes physical, spiritual and emotional wellness.

Student Health 101 is a nationwide magazine that UMW pays for and customizes for its students every month, according to Flynn.

"I think it is a really positive thing but people just haven't discovered it yet," said Flynn.

Flynn creates custom ads for the magazine and advertises for campus wellness events. She also responds to student feedback, which ensures topics that students are interested in are featured in the magazine.

To increase interest, Flynn put up posters in Seacobeck Hall and students can now do a survey magazine each week that gives them a chance to win \$1,000.

"I hadn't heard of it before, but after looking at it, I think it has a lot of good information and resources for students," said freshman Alice Redhead, an undecided major.

Redhead believes the Health Center should make the magazine more known to the student body.

"I think students would definitely read it if they knew about it," said Redhead.

Police Show Concern

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possession.

"You'll probably be given community service," said Garcia. "You're not going to go to jail."

Garcia stated that the charge will go on a person's permanent record, but the severity of consequence depends on the jurisdiction.

"District courts are trying to be more understanding," said Garcia. "Everyone is a human being. We've all been college kids before."

She stated that if a defendant is a "good kid with good grades that has not been in trouble before," then their chances are much better.

Regarding the recent nuisance complaints, Hall said, "It's not just your neighbors. The city of Fredericksburg has noise ordinances."

Hall called out the media for publishing isolated incidents and enhancing the idea that UMW is an out-of-hand party school.

"People drive things to the front page that makes it appear worse," said Hall.

Garcia added that the crime rate has remained at a constant rate over the years.

Hall told the students that compared to other schools, "you're all saints."

"Can you tell the city of Fredericksburg that?" asked Miceli in return.

Hall said the Fredericksburg community does not hate the students of UMW.

He said, "It's about being respectful to people and using common sense."

Another question asked was whether police have special search and seizure privileges over to students who live on campus.

Hall said that in most situations, the university residence

life would act as an agent of the police.

"Housing at the university has policies and procedures," said Hall. "If you're on this campus, you're under this property's jurisdiction."

This gives residence life the power to search rooms. From that point, any criminal evidence found is passed along to police.

Hall stated that for the police to search a room they must follow the procedure of the law.

"If we're coming into a room we're going to get a search warrant," said Hall.

He said that obtaining a search warrant will avoid any complications as to the police's rights to search a room.

According to Hall, residence life has the right to search rooms without a warrant, not the police.

In response to questions about a student's rights involving a party broken up by the police Garcia said, "If a party is being broken up, an officer has the right to talk to anyone there."

She stated that if a police officer smells alcohol on someone, it gives them probable cause to search and seize that student.

The panel went on to discuss that if hosts of a party take precautions to ensure that no one underage drinks, they can use that to help their defense.

Dance stated that the best way to prevent trouble is by, "using common sense and being safe and being smart."

Tardif stated that despite the 14 student turn out, she thought the event was successful.

"It was definitely an engaged crowd," said Tardif. "I think the panel was very helpful."

When asked why he chose to participate in the panel, Hall said he likes the idea of having "[an] open dialogue in a positive setting so when we're in a negative setting [students] know what my roles and responsibilities are."

Dahlgren Hosts Lecture Series on National Security

By RIVES KUHAR

The University of Mary Washington Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research is currently holding a five-part lecture series on national security.

The series began on March 7 when Associate Professor of political science Jason Davidson spoke. Davidson's lecture was focused around his book, "America's Allies and War."

"We take these kinds of things very seriously and put a lot of time into preparing because we want the audience to get what they deserve," Davidson said.

Having the opportunity to share personal expertise with an esteemed audience of military installations and professionals and incite a valuable conversation was rewarding towards Davidson.

"When you have such an experienced audience to interact with, everything is open to a conversation... I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of questions I received. For me it was a wonderful experience," Davidson said.

Mark Safferstone, executive director of the UMW Dahlgren Campus, echoed Davidson's experience by recognizing the importance of the audience.

"The value of this lecture series is that it's a tremendous opportunity for the university and its faculty to become quickly engaged with an audience that is unique and different than an all-student population," Safferstone said.

Safferstone added that students should attend not only to understand the issues of allies and their threat to the U.S., but also to see a different side of their professors.

"What the students can find inspiring is to see that the professor whose classes they sit in week after week, semester after semester, are not only great teachers of undergraduates, but

also these same professors express extreme knowledge that is respected by a sophisticated audience," Safferstone said.

Jack Kramer, professor of political science, spoke on April 4 about "National Security Environment in the 21st Century."

Before the lecture, Kramer was looking forward to speaking at Dahlgren, a place that uses this beneficial information on a daily basis to develop military and allied defense.

"The military is always forward thinking," Kramer said. "[I want] to provoke thinking... give both sides of the argument and have students think in different ways."

According to the UMW's Dahlgren Website, future topics and presentations include "The Baltic States: Strategic Considerations and American Foreign Policy" with Jack Kramer, "Strategic Challenges in Northeast Asia: Implications for US National Security Policy" with Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Elizabeth Larus and "The Security Implications of the Arab Spring" with Associate Professor of Political Science Ranjit Singh.

According to Safferstone, Dahlgren is planning more lecture series for the future.

"This shows how the university continues to support the pro-

fessional development of safety and security of the nation," said Safferstone.

According to UMW's Dahlgren website, the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC), the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council and the UMW Political Science and International Affairs Department created this lecture series, which is free, open to the public and held in Dahlgren's University Hall, Room 110, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on selected dates.

Registration is necessary to ensure seating for each lecture.

Viewpoints

Rise of Atheism Brings Different, Rational Morality

By EDMUND BROWN

Our generation, Generation Y, has been called the Facebook Generation, the Go-Nowhere Generation and Generation Why Care? But while the older generations slander ours, a small but significant statistic stands out: 25 percent of Generation Y does not affiliate with any religion, more than double the percentage of any previous generation. Though traditionalists argue a move away from religion is a move away from morality, the growing secular community disagrees. In fact, they argue the reverse.

Since Sept. 11, a tragedy enabled by religious values, non-religious authors such as neuroscientist Sam Harris, biologist Richard Dawkins and the late journalist Christopher Hitchens have written best sellers describing both the long history of religious atrocities and the growing potential for science and reason to provide moral guidance. In a climate of endless global conflict and inequality, the time for adopting more humane values has come, and reason, not religion, should be their source.

Science has long been portrayed as unable to answer questions of morality, but, as Harris argues in "The Moral Land-

scape," it becomes humanity's most precise tool for evaluating moral issues when coupled with reason. The only necessary assumption to accept this revised moral view is that the suffering of conscious creatures is negative and the well-being of conscious creatures is positive. From there, Harris explains, it follows that more suffering is worse and the more well being, the better. There is not a single, objective method of achieving maximum well-being, but rather a continuum that understands well-being can be achieved in diverse ways through various cultures and lifestyles.

But this is not moral relativism. Practices like forced sexual repression, mandatory veiling and clitorectomies cannot hide behind religious dogma as an excuse for causing suffering. In this system, the well-being of conscious creatures is called for no matter the circumstance or culture.

Compared to the values offered by religion, reason-based values are flexible and clear. They use all the available scientific knowledge and encourage inquiry. Religion, however, discourages inquiry, banning books with 'dangerous' ideas and at the

most extreme burning heretics on a large scale. Religion carried out the censoring of world-shaping men like Galileo or Baruch Spinoza, whose scientific obser-

morality, a debate religion weighs heavily into, is escaping religion's reach. The morality of abortion and other vital modern debates exist nowhere in major

morality for millions lies firmly in the hands of a miniscule elite, the lowliest of human impulses can become dogma.

Our Generation's most explo-

using all modern scientific evidence and searching for the least possible suffering of conscious creatures. Generation Y should demand rational discourse, condemning homophobic violence, abortion clinic bombings or condom misinformation. We should ask why the 'Golden Rule' is applied to denounce abortion but doesn't apply towards the LGBT community. We should ask for evidence to support claims. We should admit what we don't know.

A change of values favoring evidence and reason certainly allows room for religion, but it does not allow room for religion nor any institution to interfere with the well-being of conscious creatures. Instead it challenges religion to update itself or lose all authority on moral issues. And even if you disagree with the secular movement and updated values, surely the competition can only challenge all religions to enter into a rational discussion about which values are most moral in a modern world. Surely asking questions and applying reason will not destroy the values we truly hold dear, religious or secular. It may even earn our Generation a new nickname.



Participants in the survey were asked if religion was a significant factor in their lives. The answers were "yes" or "no."

valuations or personal beliefs contradicted church teachings. As a result of this closed-mindedness, religion stopped evolving. Science has corroded religion's ability to speak about the world, explaining with observable fact what once required supernatural explanation. But even modern

religious texts because the technology or concept did not exist when the texts were authored. However, instead of admitting religion's silence on these issues, religious leaders have ubiquitously employed human interpretation to create an answer. And when the power to decree

sive struggles lie at the heart of this question of values. Issues like racism, abortion, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights, women's rights and birth control could be decided by consulting religious teachings or they could be decided by engaging in an ongoing discussion



Courtesy of Jeff Paddock

The Holi Festival, a Hindu festival celebrating spring, occurred last week on Ball Circle.

Fake Tolerance and Dinosaurs

By BRIAN AURICCHIO

Of all the issues plaguing the U.S.—rampant homophobia, extensive class inequality, profound ecological abuse, subtle bureaucratic surveillance and understated racism—New York's Department of Education has one thing in mind: dinosaurs. According to CNN, approximately one week ago, New York's Department of Education requested to ban 50 words from the city's standardized tests. With the controversy that accompanied the list, the department claimed that they would abandon the plan.

This list included words like "divorce," "Christmas," "Halloween," "television" and perhaps the most infamous, "dinosaur." According to New York Chief Academic Officer Shael Polakow-Sunransky, the purpose of banning these words was, "to be sensitive to student backgrounds and avoid unnecessary distractions that could invalidate test scores and give an inaccurate assessment of how students are doing."

"Dinosaur" was added to the list because it might offend religious fundamentalists who denounce evolution. And here lies the interesting paradox in neo-

liberal multiculturalism.

In the U.S., many of us are taught to respect the culture of others and understand existing differences, rather than denouncing them all together. The implication is that a mutual understanding will eliminate racism and ethnocentrism. Unfortunately, the byproduct of this is multiculturalism as spectacle, or an exotic consumption. Consider the Holi Festival the occurred on Ball Circle last week. Most of us don't truly believe in these rituals, yet we indulge in this superficial promise of multiculturalism.

However, when we discuss fundamentalism—those who ultimately find truth in their beliefs—we perceive them as anti-cultural or perhaps more precisely, a threat to our own culture. Hence the controversy in banning the word, "dinosaur."

The underlying argument may be that "objective" science asserts that dinosaurs did exist, but the Holi Festival is a spiritual undertaking, existing apart from objective truth. Again, when we view objective truth as a significant fact, fundamentalists are often reduced, not as being a part of a different culture, but ultimately to barbarism. Is this why science is not seen as

culture, but existing outside of its parameters?

In this sense, it is possible to understand multiculturalism, and a broader Western culture, as the opiate of the masses, but not in the same sense that Karl Marx suggests. When multiculturalism becomes a platform of avoiding harassment, which is avoidance used as justification for banning "dinosaur," we hope to be free from that very same harassment. The core value here is distancing others from ourselves, so we are free from social constraints by circumventing them, rather than dismantling them. In other words, our over-sensitivity in respecting other cultures is acceptable, as long as it does not intrude in our own lives. The meaning is truly self-serving.

Culture becomes merely a basic structure of our lifestyles, legitimized not by imminent truth but the practices in which we do not truly believe in.

Therefore, next time a department tries to ban the word "dinosaur," we should ceaselessly criticize not just fundamentalism, but our own culture. This false multiculturalism does not dismantle racism or ethnocentrism; it is a cold indifference and separation from it.

Sexclamations

Sex Strikes, the GOP and Female Power

There's nothing sexier than politics, and this year's Republican candidates intend to keep it that way. From Rick Santorum's call for a "war on hard-core pornography" to Trump's offer to show American citizens his junk, the GOP has been paying particular attention to the adage "sex sells."

America is taking note. In response to some of Santorum's vicious—and now infamous—comments on homosexuality, the gay writer and activist Dan Savage held a contest among his readership to redefine the word "santorum." The winning result, "the frothy mixture of lube and fecal matter that is sometimes the byproduct of anal sex," has become a popular subject of conversation and often appears in search results before the candidate himself.

Recently, and perhaps most notably, the group Liberal Ladies Who Lunch has called for a "sex strike" to combat rampant attempts by the Republican Party to limit birth control and abortion access. With the tagline, "If my reproductive rights are denied, so are yours," the campaign is designed to raise

awareness about the impact that limits on birth control will have on male partners—specifically, they won't be getting any.

As the event's website explains, "If we lose our hard won rights to medical care, birth control and pregnancy choice, it won't only affect women. Men will have to go back to the days when they waited for or paid for sex." Men will get a taste of that April 28 to May 5, when the No Access Sex Strike is scheduled to occur.

While the concept of a sex strike is intriguing and in some ways, hilarious, I can't help but wonder about the gender roles implied and reinforced by targeting this at women. If women withholding sex is supposed to make an impact on the decisions of policymakers, two things follow: that men hold all the political power and that women are less reliant on sex.

The first seems undeniable. Women make up a smaller ratio in Congress than the in the legislatures of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Uganda. Male policymakers overwhelmingly make decisions about women's health care and reproductive is-

sues. However, this logic is only solid if the sole participants of the sex strike are the wives, girlfriends, and escorts of our Senators and Congressmen.

Since the majority of the targets of this strike are men with the political power of a ballot and a phone call, there seems to be some confusion over how this will influence male legislators. While I am in total support of consciousness-raising activities, the reality of the sex strike is that it intends to build support through what seems little better than manipulation. Refusing sex is the prerogative of any individual, but let's be real—it's not going to inspire passionate support for the cause.

I love sex, and I love strikes, but there are more effective ways to raise awareness of the attack on women's health in our country. For over a hundred years, American women have been fighting to be recognized as legitimate political entities. Women can be brilliant political strategists, lobbyists, politicians and activists. I have faith in our ability to win this war with our brains and not our vaginas.

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Style

HBO's 'Game of Thrones' Makes a Violent Return

By ISAAC WHALEN

Move over reality TV, there's a new contender for the crown of most volatile television program, and this one has dragons.

"Game of Thrones" returned to HBO last Sunday to the joy of fans everywhere. Along with the series winning two Emmy awards, the first season's finale grabbed 3.04 million views last June and has kept everyone crazy for more.

Some fans of the series that couldn't stand the anticipation sought solace in reading ahead with the books, but let's be honest, nobody likes a cheater, and if viewers were patient and simply waited for the opening credits to roll on their own, "Thrones" seemed ever sweeter and did not disappoint.

A word to the reader, if you haven't watched season one of "Game of Thrones," you shouldn't be reading ahead. You should be watching season one of "Game of Thrones."

Right off the bat the viewer is reminded just how big of a jerk the newly crowned King Joffrey really is. As if no one thought making a 14-year-old incest-bred adolescent an absolute monarch would have any possible negative consequences.

His constant abuse of Sansa Stark goes even further than last season, and now we can see the full extent of his mistreatment

several months out. Yet this is not the only plot point that piques the viewer's interest.

Pretty much every single lord or nobleman in the kingdom is now staking out claims to the throne, often making who is who a little confusing for the average viewer. The new king mania strays a

rest of his Lannister family.

In a show based around the social and physical backstabbing of Westeros' political scene, Tyrion's flippant personality is a welcome relief for viewers. Within the first 10 minutes of the episode Tyrion is verbally jabbing King Joffrey and irritating his incestuous older sister, something any viewer would pay good money to see.

All crowd-pleasing dwarf action aside, season two of "Game of Thrones" picks up right where it left off. The northern kingdoms are still seeking revenge for the tragedies against their family, the Dothrakis are still marching to war with some new dragon babies and Bran Stark is still crippled and having weird dreams.

The directors are playing it safe by using what is reliable, but in this case it's not a bad thing. The audience wants something that is at once otherworldly, but relatable. In an election year, the uncertain world of Westeros seems similar to the wild world of American politics, but maybe with a little more bloodshed. For die hard fans, and those curious about all the Internet buzz, "Game of Thrones" promises to be a wild ride in season two, one that is definitely worth an hour a week, especially if there are going to be some sweet dragon battles down the road.

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little too much into the political side of things, which has the propensity to lose audience interest. It is understandable that a premier episode needs to take time and establish exposition, but for the ordinary viewer we really just came for fighting and fan-favorite dwarf Tyrion Lannister.

Peter Dinklage's character continues to win the hearts of fans, being the most well-rounded character of the cast. As the newly elected Hand of the King, Dinklage lets his character do what he does best, piss of the



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Five kings fight for the iron throne in the "Game of Thrones" second season.

'Brother Russia' Debuts in D.C.



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"Brother Russia" follows an old man who believes he was once Rasputin.

By NANCY BELLE

Have you gotten sick of spending your weekends on campus? Maybe its time you get a little culture. The University of Mary Washington is only an hour or so from some of the best regional theaters in the country.

Some of these theaters are the breeding grounds for new works of theatre and for little more than you would pay to see a concert in D.C., you could see one of these new plays, like "Brother Russia," which made its world premiere at Signature Theater in Arlington on March 6.

With a book and lyrics by John Dempsey and music by Dana Rowe, the same team that wrote "The Witches of Eastwick" and "The Fix," "Brother Russia" is an unusual yet captivating work, commissioned by Signature Theatre.

At first glance, the story might sound odd: Brother Russia, an old man who thinks he is the reincarnation of the fabled Russian monk Grigori Rasputin and his run down traveling theater troupe are running out of

money and fear that tonight may be their last show.

Brother Russia decides to change what they usually do and present a musical based on his past life as Rasputin. This creates a "show within a show" situation which can be hard to follow at times but is ultimately

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interesting. Brother Russia takes some of his own liberties in the piece, and not everything plays out exactly as it did in history, something one of his fellow actors points out later in the show.

The show has songs that run the gamut from being serious, like "Matryoshka" to those which are silly and almost out of

place like "Vodka," which seemed more like a random interlude and a commercial for Stolichnaya than a crucial part of the plot.

Presented on a thrust stage, all seats are close to the action. This draws the audience in and helps them feel as if they are part of the action.

For those familiar with the D.C. Theater scene, many actors in the cast may be familiar. Playing the title role of Brother Russia, John Lescault, manages to leave the audience wondering whether he really is the reincarnation of Rasputin or just a crazy old man.

Doug Kreeger is both charming and at the same time dangerous as Sascha/Grigori Rasputin. Kreeger shows off his vocal ability in the role and keeps the audience hooked on his unique character.

Natascia Diaz is captivating playing Sofya/Anastasia and has great chemistry with onstage love interest Kreeger.

If you want to see this amazing new work of art, do it soon. The show is closing on April 15 there are no further productions announced as of yet.

The world premiere of "Brother Russia" will be showing at the Signature Theatre in Washington D.C. from March 6 to April 15. Tickets can be purchased at www.signature-theatre.org

Style

‘Vagina Monologues’: VDAY 2012 Centerpiece

Students perform Eve Ensler’s play to raise awareness of global women’s issues

By UPMA KAPOOR

I had to learn how to say “vagina” and “penis” without giggling, but those weren’t the only things I learned performing in “The Vagina Monologues,” a play written by Eve Ensler.

At first I was completely under the misconception that this play revolved solely around female empowerment and, well, talking about vaginas.

Never have I been more wrong about anything that I have experienced.

“The Vagina Monologues” is so much more than women sharing stories about their vaginas. It is an activist piece adamant about removing the stigma of women discussing their sexuality and the social implications of rape and abuse.

The play was written in 1994, yet, rape, incest and genital mutilation are still global issues that harm women and girls around the world every day. The play itself is moving, but the purpose behind the play is the most moving aspect of the project: V-Day.

V-Day started as a result of the performances of “The Vagina Monologues.” It is described on vday.org as a “fierce, wild, unstoppable movement” to create a better world “where women live safely and freely,” increasing awareness towards



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The VDAY movement was started in response to Eve Ensler’s play “The Vagina Monologues.”

the aforementioned issues that still threaten women around the world today.

The movement today is strong in 130 countries, and V-Day alone distributes funds to different organizations that “work to stop violence against women and girls.”

How did we do our part be-

sides acting out the various performances? All proceeds from both nights of the performance went to the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV) in Fredericksburg.

With that mission in mind, each student did their best to do their monologue justice. There were monologues that featured

the common question which Ensler interviewed women with: “If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?” to heart-wrenching monologues about genital mutilation in Bosnia and the Congo. Each performer put their heart into their performance.

My experience, personally,

transcended actually “giving” a performance. It was about raising awareness and urging every one of my friends to attend the event and donate their money for the cause.

We go to a school where silence was considered as direct consent, and where the sexual misconduct policy just changed

this past March to include affirmative consent. Women are, locally and internationally, still not in the safest position.

This should not be happening. “The Vagina Monologues” is a reminder why this should not be happening, and why we simply cannot have it happen to anyone before.

I, myself, I have embraced “The Vagina Monologues” wholeheartedly. According to Director Emily Butler, both performances raised exactly \$1,437.70. That figure does not include EagleOne transactions.

That is over \$1,000 dedicated to an organization that provides domestic violence assistance, has a 24-hour hotline to call when you need help, a temporary emergency shelter, and advocacy services. We, those involved with “The Vagina Monologues,” made that happen.

Would it be safe to say that instead of giggling, I immersed myself in an enriching experience to educate myself on the issues that harm women today? Definitely. Taking a stand is a start. Gaining knowledge and raising awareness is the next step. If it were not for “The Vagina Monologues,” I would not have been able to do either.

Holmes Lecture Far From Elementary

By EVAN HICKS

“You have degraded what should have been a course of lectures into a series of tales,” Sherlock Holmes admonished Watson in “The Adventure of the Copper Breeches,” but on March 27, the extraordinary tale of Sherlock Holmes was turned into a rather dry lecture.

Recently, Sherlock Holmes has been the subject of everything from blockbuster films to comic books to a BBC television series, but the great detective was conspicuously absent from his own Great Lives Lecture.

Jeremy Black, a British historian, a Professor at Exeter University, was the speaker for the lecture on Holmes. He is the author of more than one hundred publications, and has previously spoken at the Great Lives series on such figures as King George III, Napoleon and James Bond.

With such exemplary qualifications and so much experience, expectations were high for Black’s lecture. While all Great Lives lecturers are introduced warmly, Black’s introduction was particularly glowing.

Unfortunately, Black began by listing the main points of his lecture, rattling them off as though he were speaking to a classroom of note-taking undergraduates rather than an audience of grown men and women.

None of the lecture points had much to do with who Holmes was as a character and it quickly became apparent that Black’s subject would remain in the back-

ground for the duration of the lecture. Over the course of an hour, Black showed that Sherlock Holmes was truly an Anglo-American character, rather than the popular perception of him as a strictly English character. Much of the very first Sherlock Holmes novel, “A Study in Scar-

let,”

Arthur as a complex city that was at once vibrant and dangerous. The city was the center of the world in 1895 and captured the world’s imagination in much the same way that New York City does



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took place in America and American characters frequently appear in the stories. Black also explained that Sir

Doyle, the author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, presented London not only as the heart of the Holmes stories, but

as a complex city that was at once vibrant and dangerous. The city was the center of the world in 1895 and captured the world’s imagination in much the same way that New York City does

from rising world powers, class barriers were breaking down, and money was up for grabs in the form of entailments, wills and trusts, leaving the pickings ripe for ambitious people like many of the antagonists in the Holmes stories.

Black’s lecture was certainly educational and well supported, and Black himself spoke eloquently, but the lecture lacked the central quality that makes the Great Lives Lectures so fascinating: it failed to shine the spotlight on a great life.

At one point, Black remarked, “Now, another thing that is particularly interesting for the historian is,” then he started speaking on another historical quirk related to the stories. That phrase characterized the entire event.

Black’s lecture was a historian’s lecture, not a biographer’s. There were less than 10 minutes left in the lecture before Black even touched on Holmes’ personal life. The detective’s habits, personality, friendship with Watson, career, methods and even his author fell by the wayside.

While the audience certainly came away from the lecture having learned something, it’s unlikely many came away having learned anything new about the greatest detective in modern fiction and one of the most iconic characters of all time.



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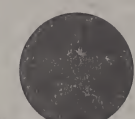
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Warner Talks With Students

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a federal deficit, leading Warner not to blame presidents Bush or Obama, but the accumulation of debt. He warned if the deficit is not tackled, foreign investors would hesitate to invest in the U.S. and interest rates will spike.

Warner also explained why tackling the debt is the single biggest factor in creating jobs, and emphasized entrepreneurship and innovation as a way to improve the economy.

"Eighty percent of new jobs created have not come from Fortune 500 companies—nor have they come from the traditional small business; they have come from start up companies," said Warner. Some of the start-up companies he highlighted include Lululemon and Underarmor.

Warner said he supports the JOBS act because it will make it easier for start up companies to grow.

Warner spoke repeatedly about his efforts as part of a bipartisan "gang of six" dedicated to fixing the deficit. He cited working past pressures from the party to remain partisan and stresses bipartisan solutions.

Warner stated he is not afraid of criticism directed at Congress, acknowledging that he is a part of a Congress that, "90 percent of Americans think is dysfunctional."

"There have been times I've wanted to jump out of the window in this job," Warner stated. "There are a lot of things about Congress right now that are frustrating and not within our best historic traditions."

The town hall was open to UMW students and Fredericksburg community members, who were able to question Warner.

The questions dealt with immigration reform, how to reduce the deficit, education policy, balanced budget amendments, reintegration of ex-convicts into society, the Iranian threat and how to reduce partisanship in Congress.

Rachel Martin, a sophomore



Senator Mark Warner spoke this past Tuesday in Monroe.

international affairs major, asked Warner if he supported making it easier for low-income migrant workers to come to the U.S. because Warner had previously

"There are a lot of things about Congress right now that are frustrating and not within our best historic traditions."

- Senator Warner

"He talked about guest worker programs, but the answer I was really looking for was creating a path for low-income migrant workers to obtain citizenship, because they are an important part of the economy and do jobs Americans will not," said Martin. "Overall, I thought he was great, though."

Warner does not think a balanced budget amendment is necessary, but advocated cutting the

defense budget and reforming the tax code. He said that tax cuts are the biggest source of federal spending.

Additionally, Warner does not agree with the entire "Ryan budget," saying he does not see how America can stay competitive while spending so little on education.

The Ryan budget is an alternative Republican budget proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.).

Warner also discussed Iran, stating, "The greatest threat to global stability at this point is Iran. We cannot under any circumstances allow Iran to have nuclear weapons."

To decrease partisanship, Warner said he would support a change to the filibuster rule, and he condemned "gotcha amend-

ments."

"Gotcha amendments" are amendments one political party attaches to a bill popular with the other political party designed to make the bill unacceptable to that side.

Ending on the continued theme of bipartisan solutions, Warner encouraged students to take in multiple news sources with different political angles and asked students to demand the truth of their congressmen.

"If we don't get this fixed, you ought to fire us all," said Warner.

Warner previously attended UMW's 2011 Devil-Goat Day, which he called "kind of a weird experience," and was UMW's commencement speaker in 2004.

Warner served as Virginia Governor from 2002 to 2006 and as a Virginia Senator since 2008.

Ad Campaign Winds Down

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ing campaign was fun and exciting," Branson said.

He was happy to see the university making a push to become more widely known.

Lavar Edmonds, sophomore mathematics major and economics minor, was also happy to be a part of UMW's ad campaign.

"I take pride in knowing that I play a minute, yet sufficient,

role in the expansion of the school's name," Edmonds said.

Christine Zale, sophomore historic preservation and English major, believes the campaign is a good way to get publicity for UMW.

"I think by the university including it's students in their ads they are showing a sense of pride in their students which will help draw the attention of new applicants," said Zale.

UMW Students At the TDC



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Students are still responsible for their classes during the TDC.



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New fundraising goals gave students even more of a challenge.

Howe, Boyer Chosen to Speak At Graduation

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Small Business Person of the Year in 2008. A year later, he was named Virginia's Business Person of the Year. Boyer is also the author of, "Help Wanted & Help Found: The Insider's Guide to Recruiting and Hiring Hourly Workers."

Boyer's insights about the workforce have led to appearances on Good Morning America and CNN. The Wall Street

Journal and USA Today and other newspapers have published Boyer's articles.

Hurley echoes the students' opinions regarding this year's graduation.

"Spring commencement is always a happy time of the year. Students, of course, are delighted to have reached this point in their educational journey," said Hurley about spring commencement.

TDC Participants Face New Obstacles, Fundraising Goals

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dorms around their shelter. In addition to this new rule, TDC participants follow all past rules, which include making their own shelter with donated or collected items, according to Cameron.

Participants also cannot accept food or donations from people they know personally, can take no free food from campus and cannot take showers.

This is Sueiro's second year doing TDC and he believes the hardest part of the challenge is living in the shelter.

"It's not very comfortable and we're exposed to the outdoors," said Sueiro. "The first night it got to 34 degrees and it is supposed to rain tonight."

The participants also took part in bartering challenge on April 4, which involved students asking for donations in exchange for services such as cleaning, doing laundry, giving piggyback rides and drawing henna tattoos.

"We divided into two teams and we are offering a variety of services for pocket change," said Emily Sherman, TDC participant and junior environmental science major.

According to the TDC website, the TDC is an "impactful experiential learning exercise" that allows participants to feel how it is to live on \$2 a day. The challenge asks participants to find a cause and partner and choose a fundraising goal.

Erica Kreider, freshman English and education major, believes the TDC is a good way to show what it is like to live on so little each day.

"Someone was telling me



Marie Sicola/Bullet

This is the sixth annual the Two-Dollar a Day Challenge.

they bought a yam for 69 cents and that was two meals for them," said Kreider.

TDC raises money to donate to La Ceiba, a student-run microfinance institution for communities in El Progreso,

Honduras, as a way to fundraise for those in poverty. Economics Associate Professor Sean Humphrey is the founder of TDC.

Humphrey was not available for comment.

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Sports

Dickman Starts D.C. United Event



The view from the seats of Mary Washington's D.C. United College night last Friday, March 30.

By AHMED MALIK

On Friday, March 30, a group of more than 60 University of Mary Washington students piled into a charter bus to head up to RFK stadium to watch the DC United soccer team dish out a 4-1 victory over FC Dallas and earn their first win of the 2012 campaign. The students were part of the first DC United College night hosted by UMW, an event inspired by Mary Washington senior Tad Dickman.

The event sought to generate support for the Washington D.C. based soccer team and also help spur interest for future events such as this to improve the school's support of sports teams outside of the school.

"I reached out to some of the D.C. United front office personnel about the possibility of getting involved with Mary Washington," Dickman said.

section. It was an incredible environment, and being surrounded by all of our peers made it even that much more enjoyable" said Dickman.

The game did not fail to provide its fair share of excitement. In the 28th minute, D.C. United forward Maicon Santos scored the first of his two goals to help provide some much needed firepower to help the Washington area soccer team pull away and dominate the game. The goal was Santos's first this season and came at an opportune time. FC Dallas was Santos's former team who traded him midway through last season, and then refused to pick up his option for 2012. Santos also had one assist on the night. The other two goals were scored by

rookie Nick DeLeon and midfielder Danny Cruz.

Aside from promoting the D.C. United soccer team, the UMW college night allowed a diverse group of students come together and enjoy a night of camaraderie at RFK. Participants' reactions to the event have spurred interest on possibly hosting a similar event in the near future.

"I think the D.C. United College Night event was a huge success," sophomore Brienne Matthes said. "It was a great opportunity for different individuals of the Mary Washington community to come together."

Senior attendee Leigh Rice also thought it was a beneficial experience.

"It was awesome to see everyone come together to go to a local event like that. We had fun on the bus rides, at the game cheering together, and of course it is always nice to see a 4-1 victory," Rice said.

Dickman remains hopeful that continued cooperation with the school would ensure that this was the first of many events to come.

"I think Kim Tomlin, and the staff in SAE did a great job of making this project a reality," Dickman said. "It was an incredible experience for everyone that attended and I firmly believe that everyone that participated would be willing to do it again in the future."



Senior Tad Dickman (right) with some attendees of UMW's D.C. United event.

Baseball Shows Improved Hitting

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faced.

The rubber match of the Eagles road series took place on Sunday, April 1, the day after the initial doubleheader. With the new day came the resurgence of the Mary Washington bats, as UMW ripped 11 hits and scored five runs to take the series against their CAC rival with 5-0 win.

Five Eagles delivered multi-hit performances, led by Yarnell's game-high three hits. Jordan and sophomore Jake Rudman each drove in a pair while Sixsmith and freshman Connor Wells each scored two runs apiece.

Junior pitcher Michael Straub played with fire all day, but was able to work out of jams to prevent the 11 base runners he allowed from scoring. Straub struggled with his command in his five and a third innings, as he walked seven in the game, but he was still able to put up zeros where it mattered most. Sophomore pitcher Nick McGovern came on in relief to pitch a

scoreless 3.2 innings to help seal the win for the Eagles.

"The wins against St. Mary's were huge," Abramson said. "Taking two out of three games against a conference opponent is always big; it was a good weekend of baseball for us overall."

Mary Washington now sits at 9-12-1 overall and 4-8 in Capital Athletic Conference play. They currently rest in the cellar of the CAC season standings, yet they are only a game out of fourth place in a jumbled conference. With the season winding down and just two conference series and six CAC games remaining on the schedule, the Eagles' are prepared for the home stretch.

"I know we're all looking forward to the rest of the season and our goal hasn't changed since the beginning," Abramson said. "We're focused on winning the CAC Tournament and we are going to take each game one at a time."

Mary Washington will next take the field in an afternoon game today when they host Catholic University at 3:30 p.m.

Athletes of the Week

A pair of Mary Washington softball players were named CAC Athletes of the Week, with senior first baseman Morgan Lamon and freshman pitcher Hannah Otterman earning the honors. Lamon compiled a .632 average while scoring 10 runs and recording six RBI. Otterman went 3-0 with a sub-1 ERA (0.82) and tallied 14 strikeouts in three complete game wins.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The University of Mary Washington's Equestrian team participated in the Goucher College Show this past weekend. Emilia Sanchez finished first in the intermediate flat. They will compete in the Zone Championships this weekend.

Lacrosse's Slide Continues

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down to 8-5.

Tunick added another goal for the Eagles before time expired to make it 8-6, but it was

too little too late for UMW.

Bohlinger, who had two goals and two assists in the game, notched his 30th point of the season in the defeat (17 goals, 13 assists). Coach

Glaeser had high praise for the team's leading scorer as well as words for where the team's top offensive threat can still improve.

"He's good off-ball and he's a good feeder," Glaeser said, "But I'd like John [Bohlinger] to be more consistent. He needs to be a better dodger and play with more energy at times."

Bohlinger described the approach he takes to the game, "I try to be a team player," Bohlinger said, "I try to do whatever it takes to help my team win."

The Eagles find themselves tied for fourth in the conference standings with their 2-2 mark, but the loss to St. Mary's hasn't jarred Glaeser's confidence as his team heads into the final weeks of the season.

"If we take care of business, we'll be fine in conference play," Glaeser said.



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Head coach Kurt Glaeser looks for sophomore John Bohlinger (above) to take the next step.

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Sports

Baseball Takes Two of Three

Eagles look to gain momentum after road series win over St. Mary's

By ZACH MORETTI

The University of Mary Washington baseball team took two out of three games on the road against conference foe St. Mary's College this past weekend to inch closer to the .500 mark on the season. The five-game skid that the Eagles were marred in a couple of weeks back seems far gone now, as UMW has now won four of their last six contests.

Junior pitcher Torey Mancari took the ball in the first game of the weekend series against the Seahawks, and the Eagles ace delivered another standout performance. Mancari went the distance in the opener to notch the complete game win, surrendering just two runs on three hits in his seven innings of work. After striking out a career-high 15 batters in his last outing, Mancari again piled up K's this past weekend by whiffing 11 Seahawks batters.

"All my pitches seemed to be working," Mancari said, "but my go to strikeout pitch was my curveball."

St. Mary's got the scoring started by scraping across a pair of first inning runs. However, after a leadoff double to start the second, senior Santino Rosanova came around to score on a past ball to get UMW their first run of the game. Sophomore Kevin Yarnell was then driven in

by senior Shane Sixsmith's RBI triple to knot the game up at 2-2.

Mancari baffled the Seahawks batters after his shaky first inning and his offense gave him some well-deserved run support. A pinch-hit, fifth inning sacrifice fly by senior Jeff Zeisler gave UMW their first lead of the game. Immediately following Zeisler's at bat, freshman Jonathan Haught extended the Eagles advantage to 4-2 by driving in another run with his RBI triple. Mary Washington increased their advantage to 5-2 in the sixth inning thanks to an RBI single by junior Seth Jordan and the Eagles held on to win by that same score.

The UMW offense racked up 13 hits and five different Eagles' recorded multi-hit games in the victory, which was a positive sign given the hitting inconsistencies Mary Washington has had this season.

"It's always encouraging to see the offense rack up hits and runs to help us win games,"

"On the mound a pitcher has to have confidence all the time, but the run support makes the job seem easier."

- Junior Torey Mancari



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Matt Abramson was one of the many strong pitching performances UMW had this past weekend.

Mancari said. "On the mound a pitcher has to have confidence all the time, but the run support makes the job seem easier."

However, the Eagles offense found things more difficult in the second game of the three-game set. Seahawks' pitcher Wick Eisenberg quieted the Mary Washington bats, holding the Eagles to just four hits and one run in the contest. UMW senior pitcher Matt Abramson did his best to match Eisenberg, but came out on the wrong end of a pitcher's duel as the Eagles fell 2-1.

Abramson started

strong by beginning his outing with a pair of strikeouts, but the Seahawks put together a two-out rally to get on the scoreboard with a couple of first inning runs.

"I just didn't make quality pitches when I had to," Abramson said. "Two strike hits shouldn't happen and I just didn't make the right pitch in that situation and it hurt us."

After allowing three base runners in the first, Abramson settled in to give up just two hits the rest of the game. The junior pitcher struck out nine batters in six innings and closed his outing by retiring the final 11 batters he

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Track Team Has Strong Showing

By WES HOST

The Mary Washington men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Commonwealth Duals last weekend in Newport News, Va.

Both teams had impressive showings at the event which featured Virginia schools including Washington & Lee, Lynchburg College, Virginia Wesleyan College and host school, Christopher Newport University.

The men finished 1-2-3 in the 5,000 meter run with Scott Plunkett with a time of 15:25, Stephan Harris with a time of 15:27 and Quincy Schmidt with a time of 16:03. They also had a clean sheet in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with Chris Marino finishing in 9:51, Will Green in 10:14 and Jeff Branson with a time of 10:15. John Lilly tied for second in the high jump with a time of 1.85 meters.

Other placings include a fifth place finish by Dalton Echard in the 100 meter dash, a fifth place finish by Allan Meyer in the 200 meter dash, a seventh place finish by Frank Corona in the 400 meter dash, a sixth place finish in the 800 meter run by Chris Anderson, a sixth place finish by Daniel Ache in the 1,500 meter run and a sixth place finish by Andrew Ma in the 110 meter hurdles.

On the women's side, freshman Paige Kelly finished in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.39, Brooke Thompson fin-

ished second in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15:49, Erin Dandridge finished third in the 5,000 meter with a time of 19:52, Michelle Sutherland finished the 1:07 in the 400 meter hurdles as well as finishing first in the long jump with a distance of 4.78 meters and Mary Kamp tied for third in the high jump, jumping 1.43 meters and Cheyenne Falls finished second in the women's shot put with a distance of 10.47 meters.

When the scores were tallied, the men's team went 1-3 defeating Virginia Wesleyan while the women fell to all four teams. Competition was tough but most of the team prefers it.

"The competition at CNU was great," said Thompson. "I definitely prefer going to meets with tougher teams because I'm more likely to get a PR [personal record] competing against athletes of a much higher caliber."

Scott Plunkett said, "It's nice to get in competitive races for the experience and just to try and run some fast times, I prefer larger races with a big pack of fast guys because it's easier to keep up a fast pace with a bunch of people around you."

The team will compete every weekend until the conclusion of the semester looking to drop seconds for track events and gain meters for field events. They go to Towson Md. this weekend for the Goucher Invitational.



Courtesy of Tim Brown

The University of Mary Washington Mother's Rugby team won the 46th annual Cherry Blossom Rugby Tournament this past weekend. The team went 5-0 in their matches and won by an aggregate score of 117-31 in those games.

Men's Lacrosse Loses 8-6

Eagles fall to 2-2 in CAC play with loss to Seahawks

By KEVIN BOILARD

The Eagles' season hit another road bump last Saturday, March 31, when the St. Mary's College Seahawks took down the men's lacrosse team 8-6 to hand them their third loss of the year.

After starting the season off strong with four straight wins, the University of Mary Washington has dropped three of their last six contests to bring their record to 7-3 overall and 2-2 in Capital Athletic Conference play.

The St. Mary's game started off well for the Eagles. By the end of the first quarter, the Eagles led 2-0 thanks to goals from senior attackman Harry Snyder and sophomore attackman John Bohlinger.

Junior attackman Paul Tunick opened up the scoring in the second frame with a goal at the 13:42 mark. After trading goals with the Seahawks, the Eagles led 4-1, but their effectiveness was tailing off.

The Seahawks turned to ball control and were able to dominate the time of possession for the rest of the game.

"There was no stall in offense," head coach Kurt Glaeser said after the game. "We couldn't clear the ball or win a face-off. You can't play offense when your offense doesn't have the ball."

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St. Mary's face-off specialist Albert Mitchell dominated the center X, winning 14 of the 18 face-offs he attempted. By holding on to the ball, the Seahawks were able to pick and chose their shots while the Eagle offense was helpless with their inability

to gain possession.

The Eagles' compact defense had trouble causing turnovers while the St. Mary's offense was finally getting on track. Although they never went on a quick scoring run, the Seahawks were able to score seven unanswered goals from midway through the second quarter to the 3:53 mark in the fourth.

Seahawk attackman John Dehm and mid-fielder Will Lerch helped key St. Mary's offensive run, as each provided two goals during the prolonged stretch of success.

When the Eagles' defense did make stops, they had trouble getting the ball back to their hungry offense. They were only able to clear the ball successfully 13 times out of 20 attempts.

After being held scoreless for over 36 minutes, the Eagles offense finally scored again. The goal came off the stick of Bohlinger on a man-up opportunity to trim the St. Mary's lead

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Women's Tennis Impresses

Eagles dominate CAC foes but fall to No. 23 Lions

By ZACH MORETTI

The University of Mary Washington women's tennis team continued their successful 2012 season by winning two of their three weekend matches. The No. 21 Eagles took home a pair of Capital Athletic Conference victories, routing Hood College 9-0 and knocking off Salisbury University 7-2, to stay undefeated in conference play. The loss Head Coach Patrick Catullo's team suffered was a 3-6 defeat to the 23rd ranked College of New Jersey in their last match of the weekend.

"I thought we did a terrific job last weekend," Catullo said. "We have a bunch of hard workers and fighters on our team and I thought we performed well."

In their March 30 match up against Hood, the visiting Eagles dominated the Blazers by taking every event en route to a 9-0 win. Sophomore Lindsay Raulston took care of her No. 1 singles counterpart from Hood, Emily Maerz, 6-3, 6-1, and also teamed with senior Michelle Meadows to knock off the Blazers top-doubles tandem, 8-3. Meadows won her singles match against Hood's No. 2 Emily Schrodell 6-0, 6-0, which was one of three singles matches where UMW didn't lose a set.

After defeating Hood, the Lady Eagles made their way back home to host Salisbury on Saturday, March 31. The Sea Gulls provided a little more resistance than the Blazers, but in the end met the same fate with a 7-2 loss to UMW.

The Eagles swept the singles portion of the competition, with Meadows and junior Cassie Bowman winning their matches in thrilling three-set fashion. After dropping her first set 4-6, Meadows battled back to edge out Elaina Iosue 7-6 (7-1) in the second set before closing things out 10-5 in the deciding set. Meanwhile, Bowman staved off Salisbury No. 4 Katie Youlios'

attempt at a comeback by taking their highly contested third set, 10-8.

The doubles portion of the match didn't go so smoothly for the Eagles, as the top-two UMW doubles teams' dropped decisions to the Sea Gulls. The Raulston and Meadows duo lost a hard fought 9-7 battle, while the pairing of Bowman and senior Casey Malcolm were edged 8-4. The lone Mary Washington doubles victory came from sophomores Manda Martin and Anna Richman's 8-5 win over the No. 3 Salisbury doubles team.

The women's tennis team's weekend finale on Sunday, April 1, against The College of New Jersey proved to be a much stiffer task than their previous two matches. The No. 23 Lions took four of the singles matches and earned a pair of doubles victories as well to gain the overall 6-3 win. Raulston again shined by knocking off New Jersey's top player Karisse Bendijo 6-1, 6-3 and she notched another victory in her doubles match with Meadows (8-5). Senior Joocelyn Lewis recorded the only other UMW win by topping her No. 5 singles counterpart Lauren Balsamo 7-5, 6-2.

"I thought we responded very

well to them and we played them well," Catullo said. "Our squad was a little banged up from the tough matches we've played over the past two weeks, but I learned that we can compete with just about any team in the country. When it comes to postseason time we'll be ready no matter who we face."

The Lady Eagles now sit at 9-5 on the season with an unblemished 6-0 mark in CAC play. Catullo's team has been strong this year in their CAC regular season and tournament title defense, recording five of their six conference wins by a score of 9-0.

Meadows was named CAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week for her performance this past weekend, just a week after Raulston earned the same honor. The top-two women's tennis players have been vital to the team's success this season.

"Michelle's a captain and one of the leaders of our program," Catullo said. "I'm [also] very excited about where Lindsay's development is as a sophomore. I knew she had the abilities to be a great player for Mary Washington and she has a bright future ahead of her. I'm looking forward to seeing how good she can get."



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